

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Ministry.

Now and then an odoriferous flower
Blossoms in some hidden place,
That a passing soul may linger
To absorb its charm and grace;
Standing there in radiant beauty,
Pure and perfect in the air,
Breathes the perfume of its presence
In God's audience chamber there.

Now and then, a strain of music,
Throbs to Memory's cloisters' thrill,
With its haunting, vivid message
That the silent chambers fill;
Every note so perfect—blending
With all other chords in space—
One great Mass without an ending,
That quivering, pulsates in each place.
—L. V. Newton.

Among the prettiest weddings ever witnessed at Wallace, N. C., was that solemnized at the Presbyterian Church, May 3d, when Mr. John Barry Boney led to the altar Miss Sarah Elizabeth Wells. Mr. Boney is employed by the Atlantic Coast Line, at Drewry's Bluff, and the bride is the sister of a leading stock dealer, Mr. W. D. Wells.

The bride was becomingly attired in point d'esprit over white taffeta, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses and maidenhair ferns. The maid of honor wore a white organza over pink silk and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were dressed in white organza and carried bouquets of pink carnations. The groomsmen were dressed in conventional black. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and potted plants.

Promptly at 6 o'clock the bridal party entered the church to the beautiful wedding march, beautifully rendered by Miss Bettie Southland.

The ushers were Messrs. G. L. Boney, R. T. Clement, Delia Wells and A. C. Boney. The attendants entered in the following order: Miss Virginia Boney with Mr. A. R. Sloan; Miss Mary Moore with Mr. R. V. Wells; Miss Lucile Lamb with Mr. O. W. Boney; Miss Mary Belle King with Mr. Jacob Powell; and Miss Jennie Wells with Mr. W. C. Boney. Then entered the bride and her maid of honor, Miss Mary Boney, sister of the groom, down the left aisle, while at the same time the groom entered at the right aisle with his best man, Mr. Edward G. Wells, a brother of the bride. They met at the altar and stepped upon an improvised platform under an arch beautifully lighted with candles of varied hues. They were made man and wife by Rev. W. F. M. Currie, the pastor of the church.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the hospitable home of Mr. J. W. Boney, father of the groom, where an elegant supper was served. The newly married couple left on the 8 o'clock train for Drewry's Bluff, their future home.

Among the out of town visitors were Messrs. Lucile Lamb, Mary Belle King, Mary Moore, Miss Kelly, and Messrs. C. W. Boney, A. C. Boney and Captain John Barry, of Wilmington, and Captain J. H. Fitzgerald, of Richmond.

Alumnae to Meet.

The Alumnae Association of the Woman's College will hold its spring meeting this afternoon, at 4 o'clock in the college chapel.

Reports of the year's work will be made and arrangements made for the annual alumnae banquet. After the business meeting, Mrs. L. R. Dashiell, first vice-president of the Richmond Education Association, will speak to the alumnae of "Women in Education."

All of the alumnae are urged to attend this meeting, and it is sincerely hoped that many will do so.

Called Meeting.

At a called meeting of Richmond Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, to be held this afternoon, at 11 o'clock, in Lee Camp Hall, the Fishback Lee Monument Association will be organized. Mrs. Norman V. Randolph, the president of the chapter, being in the chair.

It is the intention of the Confederate women, who are going to form the association, to do their work without delay and to have a monument to General Lee ready for unveiling within a year. It will not be their purpose to solicit money for their undertaking, but it is their desire to offer all Virginians the privilege of lending their help to a noble cause. The called meeting of this morning will be followed by a mass meeting to assemble at 9 o'clock to-night in Lee Camp Hall and to be composed of representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the City Council, the State officials and the citizens at large.

Interesting Occasion.

A most interesting event of to-day will be the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the Female Humane Association at the corner of Seventh and Leigh Streets.

This is one of the oldest and best charities in the city, and one about which many of the tenderest and most generous associations are entwined. The celebration will take place at 5 o'clock this afternoon and the public is invited to be present and participate in the very interesting exercises attendant upon it. The different children, as well as older people will be given to-morrow afternoon.

A matinee for the special benefit of young children, as well as older people will be given to-morrow afternoon.

Personal Mention.

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POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Elliot Norton.

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BLUE CHINA.

By ANDREW LANG.

Andrew Lang was born in 1844, and was educated at St. Andrew's University and at Balliol College, Oxford. He became a fellow of Merion College in 1885. He is a notable critic and essayist, has made excellent translations from the Greek, has written many ballads and lyrics, and stands in the front rank of living Englishmen of letters.

THERE'S a joy without canker or cark,
There's a pleasure eternally new,
'Tis to gloat on the glaze and the mark
Of china that's ancient and blue;
Unchipped, all the centuries through
It has passed, since the chime of its rang,
And they fashioned it, figure and hue,
In the reign of the Emperor Hwang.

These dragons (their tails, you remark,
Into bunches of gillyflowers grew),—
When Noah came out of the ark,
Did these lie in wait for his crew?
They snorted, they snapped, and they slew,
They were mighty of fin and of fang,
And their portraits Celestials drew
In the reign of the Emperor Hwang.

Here's a pot with a cot in a park,
In a park where the peach blossoms blew,
Where the lovers eloped in the dark,
Lived, died, and were changed into two
Bright birds that eternally flew
Through the boughs of the May, as they sang;
'Tis a tale was undoubtedly true
In the reign of the Emperor Hwang.

ENVOY.

Come, snarl at my ecstasies, do,
Kind critic; your "tongue has a tang,"
But—a sage never heeded a shrew
In the reign of the Emperor Hwang.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, October 11, 1903. One is published each day.

M. Hill, Mr. Preston Cooke and Mr. Edmund Addison.
The parlors of the association building will be decorated with flowers and a great cake holding a hundred candles will prettyly emphasize the sentiment of the occasion.

Queen of May.

The young people of Richmond are looking eagerly forward to a Queen of May that will be given at 8 o'clock this evening in the lecture room of the Second Baptist Church, under the direction of Miss Betty Ellyson and Miss Eve Roberts. The performance will be for the benefit of the woman's building fund of the Second Church and the rehearsals that have been held indicate an excellent programme and a number of lovely tableaux.

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burg, and placed them on the grave in behalf of the Fredericksburg Chapter and the Ladies' Memorial Association.

The property in Winchester, Va., containing the site of old "Fort Loudoun," built by Gen. George Washington when he commanded the Virginia troops at Winchester, was sold this week. It was from the disastrous campaign on the Monocacy, when General Braddock was defeated, that the British built "Fort Loudoun." The southwest bastion of the fort is still standing and may be seen by the passer-by.

Miss Evelyn Croxon Gordon, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. Clarence W. Robinson, No. 204 West Avenue, Newport News.

After enjoying Ben Hur and many other attractions of the city during

Easter week, Miss Martha Elliott has returned to her home at Reardon, Va.

Mrs. D. W. Larrabee, of Newport News, is spending a week with friends in Richmond.

Dr. George N. Hardesty, of Berryville, is spending some time in the city.

Mrs. J. C. Wyser and Mrs. Lloyd, of Clifton Forge, are guests of friends in Richmond this week.

Dr. R. S. Wiley, of Clifton Forge, is here on a visit of a few days.

Mrs. R. H. Fisher is visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Taylor, on Berkeley Place, Staunton.

Colonel W. J. Perry, of Staunton, is in the city to attend General Lee's funeral.

THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 7, 1905.

Studies in the New Testament.

SUBJECT: The Vine and the Branches.—John xv: 1-12.
GOLDEN TEXT: Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.—John xv: 8.
By REV. J. E. GILBERT, D. D.,
Secretary American Society of Religious Education.

CONNECTION.—Some scholars supposed that at the close of the discourse studied last week Jesus arose to leave the room (John xiv:22) but that something caused Him to tarry to speak further and to that He entered the valley of the Kedron, in the vicinity of Gethsemane, where vineyards abound, and that the remarks forming to-day's lesson were suggested by the surroundings. Both views are purely conjectural. The great thought of the passage before us is the vital union between Christ and his church. It is not enough to learn of Him as the great teacher, to follow Him as an example, to accept Him as a savior, to receive Him as a priest. Men must be personally united to Him, drawing their life from Him and bearing fruit to Him. The vine and its branches form a perpetual parable illustrating the true church.

PURGING.—Jesus introduces Himself as the true vine (verse 1), not like that wild vine, by which those who gathered of it were deceived (1 Kings xv:33), an intimation that churches had sprung up and others would arise unworthy of the name because not of Him. The parable of those who are united to Him, the true vine, is the parable of the vine and its branches (John iii:15), who will nurture all that are joined to Him. (Acts ii:47.) But the great and awful is that once in Christ fail to bring forth by faith the spiritual results (Eph. v:9) which should be the fruit of such union, they will be cut off, just as the vine dresser prunes the vines, lopping off the dead and useless branches (verse 2). The connection to the welfare of the vine and is in the interest of those branches that bear fruit. (Matthew xviii.) How many nominal Christians have been rejected by their names on its records, who are not fruitful members, having been rejected by the Lord.

PURGING.—The unfruitful branches having been removed by exclusion, the great Husbandman, the infinite Father, bestows special care to increase the fruitfulness of those that remain (verse 2). What is here called purging is not the removal of those who are not united to Him, but the removal of impurities or hindrances—passions, sins, and habits that belong to the old life, and must be dismissed in order to the development of the new life. This is effected partly by the incoming of divine grace, which renews the heart, and partly by the cheerful action of the truth (verse 3). Jesus expressly declared that the disciples were to be cleansed by the word, which He proved (John xvii:17), which doctrine Paul understood (Eph. v:26) and Peter taught. (1 Peter i:2.)

ABIDING.—After speaking of the fruitful and the unfruitful and the treatment of each, it was natural that Jesus should next explain the secret of both states and give appropriate exhortation (verses 4-5). In this He holds forth a figure, which produces the fruit of the vine, from which it receives the vital forces which produce the foliage and the fruitage. Severed from the vine, the branch cannot bear fruit. So it is with men. By their connection with Christ, as the true vine of His life, they bring forth whatever excellence is manifested in their character and conduct. It is Christ in them, working in them, that produces all their righteousness. (Gal. ii:20.) But without Christ men can do nothing and interest put in the nature of a command or precept "Abide in Me." Hold fast by faith to Him who is our life and strength. (John i:4.)

ASKING.—Next is presented to us the earnest prayer of one who abides in Christ—the privilege of prevailing prayer (verse 7). It is a large promise that is here made. "Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." First sight that seems to be unwarranted. Why should a finite being be allowed such liberty with the infinite? One might suppose rather that the finite in a proper state of mind would submit all things to the infinite without asking other than that the infinite will might be supreme. (John i:10.) It should be noticed that two conditions are named—the petitioner must abide in Christ, and he must ask in the name of the Father. Those words will give wisdom, regulate desires, enkindle love, begot submission and restrain those foolish requests. Any man is prepared to pray when, joined to Christ, he traces, follows out, and harmonizes with the Divine thought.

GLORIFYING.—The first word of the eighth verse ("herein") is a kind of pivot point, around which the whole lesson revolves. The abiding in Christ, the asking and receiving, the bringing forth much fruit, are all included by that word. God is glorified by the works of those who are joined to Christ. But how glorified? Nothing can be added to Him or taken from Him. He is the same. His glory is not known by his intelligent creatures except as he is manifested in his works—in the material universe (Psa. xix:1), in the lives of men (John i:14), in the lives of His people (Matt. v:16). Here our Lord emphasizes the last point. He desired the disciples to know that they, by an excellent life, could glorify Him through their union with Him, would make men understand something of the glory of God. Moreover, this would be the glory of the disciples and the end sought in it. That which Jesus desires is to produce a class of God-like men, witnesses for God in a world of sinners. (Phil. ii:11) superior to all other men (Acts i:8).

LOVING.—The union above mentioned, being inward and moral, unfolds necessarily into communion, the principle of which is love. To this Jesus next directs attention (verses 9 and 10). Mark here the continuity of love—the Father loves the Son, the Son toward the Father. Flowing from the bosom of the eternal, enter-

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ing into the embodied earthly representative, then borne forth to his children of men, those love is ever the same in kind. And now all that disciples have to do is to abide in that love, rest in it, live in it, rejoice in it. And this is to be done by obedience (John xiv:15). It was so even with the Master Himself in His relation with the Father. Perfect obedience was the rule and the delight of his whole earthly career (John iv:34) and His ground of comfort at the end (John xvii:4). Love is the universal law of spiritual attraction which binds God and all His intelligent creatures in harmonious unity.

REJOICING.—Now comes out the grand motive which led Jesus to make these remarks—that His joy might remain in the disciples and that their joy might be full or complete. (Verse 11.) Here note that the joy of the Lord Jesus is unlike another, although he was called "man of sorrows." (Isa. liii:3.) It was not only the anticipated joy resulting from the reward of His sacrifice (Heb. xii:2), but an inward present possession, resulting from the spiritual communion just mentioned. Note also that this joy may enter the heart of the disciple, being derived from the same source (Gal. v:22), and being the same in quality. Note finally that if this is the joy, the soul is truly left nothing to be desired. Prov. iii:17. As Dr. Albert remarks, "This promise of joy, uttered by Christ just before His sacrifice, and Calvary is itself a song in the night, a ground of hope to every Christian soul in its own passion hour." See how beautifully it was exhibited by the apostle. (Acts xvi:25.)

SUMMARY.—See now what Jesus offers to His disciples, what He urges upon them, what He requires them to accept if they would be His true disciples: 1. A close union with Him, so that their very life shall be derived from Him, effected in order that they may produce excellence of character like His. 2. A system of divine culture in that union to make them more productive of spiritual qualities. 3. The privilege of seeing prayer with promise of answer under prescribed conditions. 4. An opportunity to show forth to the world the glory of God by presenting Him in them. 5. The sweetest and holiest exchange of affection, downward from God and upward to Him in obedience. 6. A joy unlike any the world gives, filling and satisfying the soul. Millions have found all this. Alas that any should turn away from the blessed plan of redemption and short-lived delights. (Matt. xi:28-30.)

FIRE UNDERWRITERS.

Annual Convention of State Agents to be Held Here.

The seventh annual meeting of the Virginia Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents will be held in this city on May 10th and 11th.

The sessions will be held in the annex at Murphy's Hotel, and the headquarters of the agents will be at the Hotel. Mr. C. L. Lunford, of Roanoke, is president, and Mr. H. H. Trice, of Norfolk, secretary.

The association embraces a membership of over one hundred local fire agents, and a large attendance is promised. Colonel J. L. Cunningham, of the Glens Falls Insurance Company, will be present and make an address, as will also Mr. W. Woodworth, an officer of the National Association.

The local agents of Richmond are preparing to show the visitors a good time. A local committee is now perfecting the arrangements, and it is headed by Mr. S. T. Pulliam, the agent of the Continental.

Bazaar Pleasing All.

The bazaar, which has been in progress at the Masonic Temple this week, will close to-night.

Those who have had the affair in charge during this time have been very successful, and the results have been very gratifying to the friends of Laurel Street Church.

The entertainments have been very well patronized, and while there have been some disappointments in the personnel of the programme each night, yet those who attended the performances seemed well pleased.

The fairy drill, composed of about thirty or forty little girls, dressed in very pretty costumes, under the training of Misses Linda Filpen and Jesse Ham, proved a great feature.

The several booths, presided over by pretty girls, have been generously patronized. This is especially true of the confectionery, ice cream, tobacco, doll, and fancy work booths.

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